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City's Animal Services Participates in Spay Day USA 2010

El Paso, Texas – The City of El Paso Department of Public Health's Animal Services Program is celebrating the success of Spay Day USA 2010 both nationally and at a local level. A grand total 44,915 cats and dogs (and a few rabbits) were spayed during the nationwide event. The Department's partnership with the Humane Society of El Paso led to the spaying and neutering of 80 animals in a single day in the Sun City.

Spay Day USA is a day of action to promote the spaying and neutering of pets. Some of the local El Pasoans who benefited were low income pet owners, who might not have otherwise been able to sterilize their dogs and cats.

The benefits of spaying/neutering are far-ranging and numerous. Sterilized animals tend to be healthier and have fewer behavioral problems. They don't contribute to the severe pet over-population problem, so fewer animals end up homeless, in shelters or on the streets. Tragically, over 25,000 homeless pets are euthanized each year in El Paso. Sterilizing a pet is a loving act benefiting animal guardians, their pets and their community.

Animal Services continues to offer free spay/neuter services through the Pet Care-A-Van. Below is a list of dates and locations for the month of June.

June 2010 Pet Care-A-Van Schedule

Date	Location	Address
Wed 2nd	Sue Young Park	9730 Diana
Thu 3rd	Westway	
Mon 7th	Grandview Park	3200 Jefferson

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Tue 8th	White Spur Park	4800 Love
Wed 9th	Album park	3110 Parkwood
Thu 10th	Clint	
Mon 14th	Marty Robbins Park	11600 Vista del Sol
Tue 15th	Marty Robbins Park	11600 Vista del Sol
Wed 16th	Montana Vista	14618 Greg Rd.
Thu 17th	Horizon	
Mon 21st	Shawver Park	8100 Independence
Tue 22nd	Nations Tobin Park	8831 Railroad
Wed 23rd	Pavo Real Park	9301 Alameda
Thu 24th	Socorro	
Mon 28th		211 Shelter
Tue 29th	Veterans Park	5380 Salem
Wed 30th	Valley Pines	615 Lomaland

Pet owners should expect to leave the animal at the Pet Care-A-Van for a few hours. If they plan to spay or neuter their pet through this program, we advise them to follow these pre-surgery guidelines:

- Pets may drink water up until the time of surgery.
- Adult animals should not have solid food after 6 p.m. of the night before their sterilization surgery.
- Puppies and kittens (4 months - 1 year) should not have solid food after 11 p.m. of the night before the surgery.
- Pets that younger than 4 months or older than 6 years, and females in heat or males whose testicles have not descended, will not be spayed or neutered due to health risks.

For more information about the Pet Care-A-Van program, call
(915) 842-1000.



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